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Re: Amendment and Response
Appl. No.: 10/091,342
Filed: March 6, 2002
Title: **Process for the Preparation of L-Amino
Acids with Amplification of the zwf Gene**
Inventor(s): Burke, *et al.*
Our Ref: 7601/80250

Dear Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 with Exhibit A attached; and
2. Return postcard.

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Total Claims Fee	35	20=	15	\$ 18.00	270.00
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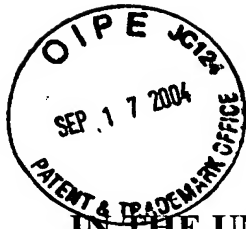
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the present document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of the present document.

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